

SUPPLEMENTAL REMARKS

Claims 1 - 41 are pending. Claims 9, 18, and 29 were previously withdrawn. Thus, claims 1 – 8, 10 – 17, 19 – 28, and 30 – 41 are currently under examination. By way of supplementation of the prior remarks, Applicants note the Examiner's contention in the notice dated August 19, 2008, that the listing of claims as presented in Amendment A filed on May 12, 2008, was non-compliant. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's careful and detailed consideration of the amendment filed on May 12, and for her considerate interpretation of the same as an apparent good faith effort by Applicants to advance the prosecution of the case to a disposition on the merits. Any asserted non-compliance is believed to be overcome by the new listing of claims herein, where it is indicated that claims 9, 18, and 29 have been "Withdrawn-Currently Amended."

In light of the foregoing, Applicants once again respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the application, withdraw all rejections, and issue a Notice of Allowance at the earliest possible convenience. In the event this response is not timely filed, Applicants hereby petition for the appropriate extension of time and request that the fee for the extension along with any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper be charged to our Deposit Account No. 12-2355.

Should the Examiner have any questions or any issues which she believes may be resolvable by phone, she is urged to contact the undersigned at 865-546-4305.

Respectfully submitted,  
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